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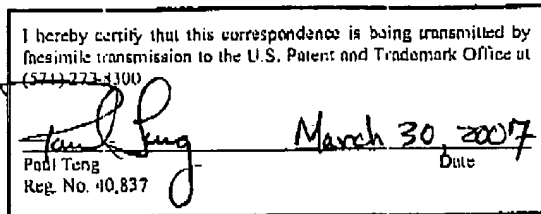
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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
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This Communication is submitted in response to the March 2, 2007 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office which indicates that examination of the above-identified patent application will be restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following allegedly distinct groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-22, drawn to a black generating portion, classified in class 382, subclass 162; and
- II. Claims 23-45, drawn to color conversion portion, classified in class 382, subclass 167.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute group II, claims 23-45.

The co-inventors of the subject matter of claims 23-45 are Hirokazu TAKENAKA, Hisao SHIRASAWA.